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STEALING OF ARMY IDENTITIES BY MILITANTS IN J & K
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large number of cases of stealing army identities in Kashmir by militants have come to the notice of the Government as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated April 2, 2007;

(b) if so, the details of such cases came to the notice of the Government during the last two years;

(c) whether SIM cards recovered over last 3 months from captured militants in J&K were procured by the militants by using fake identity cards of army personnel;

(d) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;

(e) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Two cases in J&K have come to notice wherein militants have impersonated Army personnel to obtain SIM cards.

(d) to (f): No such inquiry has been conducted by the Army as Army personnel are not involved in the case. Investigation in such offences fall under the responsibility of State Police.